

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	William Shepard et al.	Art Unit :	3677
Serial No. :	10/735,447	Examiner :	James R. Brittain
Filed :	December 12, 2003	Confirmation No.:	2020
		Notice of Allowance Date:	July 2, 2007
Title :	LOOP MATERIALS FOR TOUCH FASTENING		


COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed. In the above-referenced application, Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. In particular, Applicant does not concede that all of the specific limitations identified by the Examiner are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. In addition, dependent claims 3-17 are allowable on their own merits, and are allowable on the basis of a sub-combination of the recited features of the dependent claims and their respective base claims.

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Respectfully submitted,

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